

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An inner tube comprising a vulcanized blend comprising:
  - at least 15 parts per hundred rubber halogenated isobutylene-co-alkylstyrene polymer wherein the halogen is present from 0.1 to 3.0 mol% relative to the total amount of the polymer;
  - a second rubber component comprising ethylene-propylene-diene (EPDM) rubber and an isobutylene-based rubber; and
  - a reinforcing filler.
2. (Original) The inner tube of Claim 1, wherein the halogenated isobutylene-co-alkylstyrene is brominated isobutylene-co-methylstyrene polymer.
3. (Original) The inner tube of Claim 1, wherein the halogenated isobutylene-co-alkylstyrene is brominated isobutylene-co-*paramethylstyrene* polymer.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) The inner tube of Claim 1, comprising at least 25 parts per hundred rubber halogenated isobutylene-co-alkylstyrene polymer.
6. (Original) The inner tube of Claim 1, comprising at least 40 parts per hundred rubber halogenated isobutylene-co-alkylstyrene polymer.
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 1, the blend further comprising a cure package.
9. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 8, the blend further comprising a vulcanizing agent, a retarder, or blends thereof.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 1, wherein the halogen is bromine.
12. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 1, wherein the halogen is chlorine.

13. (Currently amended) An inner tube comprising a vulcanized blend comprising:
  - at least 15 parts per hundred rubber halogenated isobutylene-co-methylstyrene polymer wherein the halogen is present from 0.1 to 3.0 mol% relative to the total amount of the polymer;
  - a second rubber component comprising ethylene-propylene-diene (EPDM) rubber and an isobutylene-based rubber; and
  - a reinforcing filler.
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 13, wherein the halogenated isobutylene-co-methylstyrene polymer is brominated isobutylene-co-methylstyrene polymer.
16. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 13, wherein the halogenated isobutylene-co-methylstyrene polymer is brominated isobutylene-co-*paramethylstyrene* polymer.
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Currently amended) The inner tube of Claim ~~17~~ 13, wherein the isobutylene based rubber comprises at least 80 weight % isobutylene.
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 13, comprising at least 25 parts per hundred rubber halogenated isobutylene-co-methylstyrene polymer.
21. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 13, comprising at least 40 parts per hundred rubber halogenated isobutylene-co-methylstyrene polymer.
22. (Cancelled)
23. (Original) The inner tube of Claim 13, wherein the blend further comprises a cure package.

24. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 23, wherein the blend further comprises a vulcanizing agent, a retarder, or blends thereof.
25. (Previously presented) The inner tube of Claim 13, wherein the halogen is present from 0.25 to 2.0 mol% relative to the total amount of the polymer.
26. (Original) The inner tube of Claim 25, wherein the halogen is bromine.
27. (Original) The inner tube of Claim 25, wherein the halogen is chlorine.
28. (Currently amended) A tire assembly comprising:
  - a) a tire; and
  - b) an inner tube comprising a vulcanized blend comprising at least 15 parts per hundred rubber halogenated isobutylene-co-alkylstyrene polymer wherein the halogen is present from 0.1 to 3.0 mol% relative to the total amount of the polymer;  
  
a second rubber component comprising ethylene-propylene-diene rubber (EPDM) and an isobutylene-based rubber; and  
  
a reinforcing filler.
29. (Original) The tire assembly of Claim 28, wherein the halogenated isobutylene-co-alkylstyrene polymer is brominated isobutylene-co-methylstyrene polymer.
30. (Original) The tire assembly of Claim 28, wherein the halogenated isobutylene-co-alkylstyrene polymer is brominated isobutylene-co-*paramethylstyrene* polymer.
31. (Cancelled)
32. (Cancelled)
33. (Currently amended) The tire assembly of Claim 28, wherein the isobutylene-based second rubber component ~~further comprises a second vulcanizable rubbery copolymer containing~~ contains from about 85 mol% to about 99.5 mol% combined isoolefin having from 4 to 8 carbon atoms.

34. (Currently amended) The tire assembly of Claim 33, wherein the isobutylene based second ~~rubbery~~-rubber copolymer comprises a copolymer of isobutylene/isoprene.
35. (Previously presented) The tire assembly of Claim 28, wherein the halogen is present from 0.2 to 2.0 mol% relative to the total amount of polymer.
36. (Original) The tire assembly of Claim 35, wherein the halogen is bromine.
37. (Original) The tire assembly of Claim 35, wherein the halogen is chlorine.
38. – 40. (Cancelled)